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Dulka Pit, Dolni sucha

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"About 2,300 miners work in the Dulka pit at Doln' ucha. They work three chifts a day. This number includes 400 civilian miners and 400 unskilled brigade workers. The remainder are soldiers of the PTP military labor units. The director is Karel Kudrna, a former miner who lacks the education and skill for his Four mining engineers are attached to the pit. (fnu) Perecka. The 'politically unreliable' soldiers of the 'Pr units are : Eng vised during work by the chiftmaster (fnu) Kana. superfollowing foremen:

> Revier 635 - 3 2 -- Foreman (fnu) Ocko -- Foreman (fnu) Lav Revier 11 - 22 Revier 635 - V 1 -- Foreman (Inu) Limsa

the president of the miners' council is (fnu) Kubicjek, who leads the CP unit in the ukla Cedivoda pit. The workers millitia consists of 12 persons armed with army rifles. The personnel chief (kadrovy referent) is a Pole, (fau) Fukela.

The pit seems to have no modern equipment. Most of the equipment was brought in curing the hadi occupation. The machinery marked "Stalin" from the $U\cup R$ is made of had anterial which often breaks. pare parts are not available. For blasting the miners use a new explosive marked dardox. This is produced at the lynthesia factory at emtin from *compressed air*.

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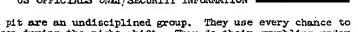
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- 4. "The miners at the Dulka pit are an undisciplined group. They use every chance to slacken off and often sleep during the night shift. They do their grumbling underground, however, not on the surface.
- "A workers' camp near the pit is directed by (fnu) Tichy, a Communist, with (fnu) Dolecek as security officer.

Female Miners

"About 500 young women are working as mining apprentices in various coal pits in the Moravska Ostrava region. They live in the Internat Stalingrad.

Reaction to Stalin's Death

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small reaction in the area to the deaths of Stalin and Gottwald. Gottwald's name was not mentioned during the May Day parade at the Dukla Pit.

Impact of the Currency Reform

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8. "Prior to the currency reform \(\) 30 May 53 \(\) me to the currency reform \(\) 950 Kc per month. Immediately after the currency reform \(\) 260 Kc for half a month, paying five Kc per day for food and lodging. Actually on 1 June 53 \(\) 1800 Kc in the old currency and 120 Kc 1800 Kc in the old currency and 120 Kc and lodging. Actually on 1 June 53 on the hand. Some prices after the reform:

> 1.80 Kc 10 cigarettes marked l'artyzan 1 kg butter 36 Кc 1 kg smoked sausage 40 Kc 14 Kc 1 kg sugar

- "Between the first and third of June 1953 there were strikes in the Zapotocky and Zofinka pits in the Moravska Ostrava coal mining region. The SNB killed two workers during the riots at the Zapotocky pit. The Communists then sent in military units in field uniforms with heavy machine guns. They occupied the Zapotocky pit and vicinity and put up posters which stated that the area was closed to civilians because of 'military exercises'.
- the Drevoindustria factories near Liptovsky Svaty Tibles and other factories at Tunec and Liptovsky Svaty Martin in northern Slovakia endured strikes after the currency reform."

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